

The Mayor's Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
February 10, 2004

1. The Mayor's Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee (MVAC) convened on February 10, 2004, in Room 802 of the Municipal Building. The meeting was called to order at approximately 8:20 AM by the MVAC President, COL(R) Thom Tuckey. Members in attendance were:

LTC(R) Jim Daskal	COL(R) Quin Herlik
Mr. Ernest Johnson	COL(R) Bill Mannel
COL(R) Thom Tuckey	COL(R) John Vigna

2. Minutes. The minutes of the preceding meeting were approved without change.

3. Old Business.

a. Veterans Groups Dinner.

(1) LTC(R) Daskal provided an update on the planning for the elected officials of area Veterans Groups.

- Event date/time: February 18, 2004, 6pm
- Location: VFW Post 3200, Gun Club Road, Augusta
- Invitees: RSVPs have been received for about 90 attendees
- Costs: \$7.50/hr for bartender, \$7.75 per meal (paid by Mayor)
- \$150 hall rental (paid by LTC(R) Daskal)

(2) The planned agenda was as follows:

- Welcome and introductions by COL(R) Tuckey
- Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: COL(R) Quin Herlik
- Dinner
- Remarks by Mayor Young
- Briefing about the MVAC - Mr. Smith
- Briefing about the VA Medical Center – Mr. William Chappell
- Briefing about BRAC - COL(R) Tuckey
- Questions & Answers, to be led by Mayor Young and COL(R) Tuckey

b. Georgia Association of Broadcasters. The association was still finalizing the call-in network that was to be included as part of the planned Public Service Announcements (PSA). It was anticipated that the PSAs would begin to be broadcast soon.

c. Newspaper Insert. COL(R) Tuckey stated that February 27th was the date for publication of *The Signal* insert about Fort Gordon's economic impact on the CSRA.

d. Georgia Public Television Special. Augusta TV/cable stations had a copy of the GPTV BRAC special. Fox and COMCAST had already aired it locally. Other stations were working their schedules.

e. Recognition of Returning Units. COL(R) Tuckey announced that there was great interest from the fort and area agencies for the conduct of a unit recognition ceremony for units returning from the Gulf. Consideration is being given to an event in conjunction with a GreenJackets game where family members and servicemembers could all benefit, likely in the August timeframe.

4. New Business.

a. The MVAC website has not been updated in several months and was identified as a priority action.

b. The committee will seek new members and will remove the names of those who have not participated in committee activities or meetings.

5. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 AM. The next meeting was scheduled for March 9, 2004, at 8:20 AM, in Room 802 of the Municipal Building.

Respectfully submitted, February 21, 2004:

Terence Smith
Secretary
Military & Veterans
Affairs Committee

CF:

Mayor Young

COL Henderson, Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon

Ms. Buchholz, Office of the Garrison Commander, Fort Gordon

Each active MVAC member